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**Subject:** RE: CG Safety Survey History and HEALY

The Navy also allows the 3 person dive side now (rev 5, pg 6-31). Previous editions did not allow it.

As far as I know, the CG put in the waiver (many many years ago) to increase the flexibility of our small dive teams.

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Hey Sir,

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2. Dive Program Safety Survey History:
  - a. The Safety Survey for the Dive Program has been around for some time. Until the early to mid-80's, the Navy had inspected the CG's diving units. CG began inspecting it's own diving units some time in the mid-90's but at some point the safety surveys stopped. It's unknown exactly when. Until 2003, there were only 6 CG diving units and 2-3 dive program personnel to conduct the surveys.
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- been scheduled for Safety Surveys at the same time as MSST Seattle and both POLAR's but due to HEALY's operational schedule, the ship was not in for the visit. And due to other safety surveys scheduled, HEALY's never was rescheduled.
- c. With the standup of the MSST's, there were now 19 units requiring safety surveys. However, there had been no increase in the number of personnel to conduct the safety survey. For the past two FY RP's, requests were included for approximately 4-6 CG personnel to be added to the CGLO NDSTC to help conduct Safety Surveys on all diving units annually and be IAW COMDTINST M3150.1B. Both of these requests were turned down and the CGLO continues to be under-manned for the Safety Survey Program. For FY06, one position was added to the CGLO at NDSTC to establish the CG Diving Equipment Program (DEP). The DEP a centrally-managed diving equipment maintenance program operated at the CGLO NDSTC. It's purpose is to standardize equipment maintenance to ensure quality control and relieve all CG diving unit of the time and expence of maintaining their own equipment. This in itself is a full time job.

I hope this answered all your questions and provided the info you were looking for. Let me know if there's anything else.

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It unknown when that started and I don't know what the navy's take on it was. As for why, I speculate it was to give dive units a little more flexibility b/c diving is a collateral duty and it can extremely difficult to scrounge up a 4<sup>th</sup> diver. Now please keep in mind the 3-diver dive side is ONLY for 1 diver entering the water, 1 standby diver, and 1 dive supervisor. The only non-diver position is the dive tender, all others must be manned by a diver.

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